



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5625

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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALE, VIA INTERNET AUCTION, OF
LICENSE PLATES ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR
VEHICLES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2016*) (a) (1) The Commissioner of
2 Motor Vehicles shall establish and administer a number plate auction
3 program where number plates issued by the commissioner and
4 number plates not yet in circulation are publicly auctioned and
5 transferred to the highest bidder. The commissioner shall conduct such
6 auction at least weekly on the department's Internet web site. The
7 holder of a number plate issued by the commissioner may sell or
8 transfer such number plate in the number plate auction. The
9 commissioner, in consultation with the Secretary of the Office of Policy
10 and Management, may establish a market value for a specific number
11 plate as determined by auction or appraisal, provided (A) no such
12 plate shall have a market value of less than one thousand dollars, and
13 (B) number plates with four or fewer numerals or letters shall have a
14 greater market value than plates with more numerals or letters. Each
15 person shall pay to the commissioner a fee of twelve dollars for each
16 year in which such person seeks to participate as a bidder in the
17 number plate auction. Each seller of a number plate shall pay to the
18 commissioner a fee of twelve dollars per one thousand dollars or
19 portion thereof of the amount paid at auction for a number plate. The

20 sale of a number plate at auction allows for the transfer of possession
 21 of such number plate, provided the buyer shall pay all fees associated
 22 with registration and issuance of such number plate. All number plates
 23 shall remain the property of the state and no title shall pass to any
 24 person who buys a number plate at auction. The commissioner may
 25 adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of
 26 the general statutes, concerning the auction process or the transfer of a
 27 number plate by auction.

28 (2) The commissioner shall transfer to the municipal revenue
 29 sharing account established pursuant to section 4-66l of the general
 30 statutes (A) one hundred per cent of the amount paid at auction for a
 31 number plate not yet in circulation, and (B) fifty per cent of the amount
 32 paid at auction for a number plate issued by the commissioner. The
 33 commissioner shall transfer the remaining fifty per cent of the amount
 34 paid at auction for a number plate issued by the commissioner to the
 35 seller of such plate.

36 (3) Pursuant to the powers and authority under section 14-3 of the
 37 general statutes, the commissioner may enter into one or more
 38 contracts with independent contractors authorizing such contractors to
 39 implement and administer the number plate auction program. Such
 40 contract shall provide that the fee for implementation and
 41 administration shall be paid contingent upon, and as a percentage of,
 42 the revenue generated by such auction.

43 (b) The commissioner, in consultation with the Connecticut Lottery
 44 Corporation, may conduct a weekly contest providing cash prizes to
 45 participating number plate holders.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2016	New section

FIN*Joint Favorable Subst.*

